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WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM FRG EMBASSY THAT FRENCH
PLANNING TO HOST MEETING OF US, BELGIAN, ITALIAN AND FRG
EMBASSY REPS IN PARIS MARCH 8 TO DISCUSS CONSULAR NEGOTIA-
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TIONS WITH THE GDR.

2. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY, BELGIANS WOULD APPRECIATE EXPRESSIONS OF STRONG US OPPOSITION TO INCLUSION OF A DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY IN A CONSULAR AGREEMENT. REFTELS CLEARLY PRESENT US POSITION WHICH IS TO REFUSE TO AGREE TO DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY IN PROSPECTIVE US-GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION. EMBASSY PARIS SHOULD DRAW HEAVILY ON THESE AT MEETING. (PLEASE NOTE PROTECT SOURCE IN REF D.)

3. THIRD ROUND OF US-GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS STILL IN PROGRESS MARCH 5 AND WILL CARRY OVER TO MARCH 8. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN US OR GDR POSITIONS RESPECTING DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY SINCE LAST REPORT (REF A). WE INTEND TO RESTATE THE ABSOLUTELY FIRM US POSITION THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR SUCH A DEFINITION IN A CONSULAR AGREEMENT. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, WE DO NOT HAVE SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN OTHER BILATERAL CONSULAR AGREEMENTS AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO CHANGE OUR POLICY. (WE ARE HIGHLY GRATIFIED BY FRENCH, BELGIAN, DUTCH AND ITALIAN SOLIDARITY ON THIS ISSUE AND URGE THAT WE ALL MAINTAIN A COMMON POLICY.)

4. DURING PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS, WE HAVE RESOLVED A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL POINTS IN DRAFT US-GDR CONSULAR AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THERE WILL BE NO GIVE BY THE GDR IN THIS ROUND ON NATIONALITY QUESTION AND A FOURTH ROUND WILL BE NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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